

do **KILLED IN DESPERATE RIOT**

Fight Between South Carolina Citizens and State Dispensary Agents

of FOUR DEAD IN BIRMINGHAM

Battle Started at the Depot—Deputies Hunted Down in the Swamps—Dynamite to Be Used at Florence—Columbia Militia Dis-

(Special to the Associated Press.)

WILSON, N. C., March 30.—There has been a serious riot at Darlington, S. C., to-day, growing out of an attempted enforcement of the dispensary law. Two citizens of Darlington and two of Governor Tillman's spies have been killed and a number of spies and citizens have been wounded.

The country in the vicinity has been thoroughly aroused and a large number of people have turned out to hunt down the spies.

The citizens protested against this, and the spies yielded in the face of the excitement and agreed not to search private premises. They also promised to leave Darlington, although the original force, seventeen in number, had been reinforced to thirty-seven.

They had gone to the depot, when they were set upon by some town boys. Out of this grew an alarming riot, which is rapidly spreading.

The arms of one militia company have been taken by the citizens, and the neighboring militia is reported to be not in sympathy with

To-night, in accordance with the agreement, armed parties of men from town and country have been assembled in each of the above towns and have picketed all the railroad stations from which the spies can escape by rail.

Mounted men are scouring the woods for the constables, who are armed with Winchester and will fight for their lives.

The Darlington guards are under arms endeavoring to preserve the peace, but the trouble has

der threats of being killed by the citizens, if he interferes, has subsided. One of the wounded constables is in Darlington jail, protected by the local military company.

There is great excitement all over the state, and the inability to procure liquor at this critical juncture is a godsend to the public peace. To-night in Columbia the excitement was at fever heat, and threats were made against the governor and of burning the dispensaries.

Governor Tillman will uphold the law, no matter at what cost, and will call on the country companies to enforce obedience

At this hour the constables are said to be surrounded in the swamp and slaughter is expected at daylight.

Later—Constable Drennan, one of the three who left Darlington by the Charleston, Sumter and Northern railroad, is now here. He reports to the governor that his detachment was fired on by the mob as the train was pulling out, and that at the same time the other detachment about to leave on the Cheraw and Darlington railroad, and in sight of them, were similarly set upon by the citizens.

Everything had quieted down last night.

The train was late. Not many citizens were at the depot. Two of them, Paul Rogers and Billy Floyd, had an altercation. Constable McLeonard had some words with a Mr. Redmont about the Floyd-Rogers fight. Some say Redmont cursed McLeonard, and McLeonard fired at Redmont. Others say McLeonard fired at Rogers, and that the

Firing then became general, and citizens hurried to the scene of the encounter. It was found that the constables had scattered to the woods and four men were lying on the ground—Redmond, Frank Norment, and Constables Pepper and McLendon.

Pepper was shot through the heart, McLendon through the stomach, and is living, but will die.

Norment is dead.

Chief of Police Dargan was shot in the side and several citizens were wounded. Mr. Norment, who was killed, had taken no part

Columbia Companies Disband.
COLUMBIA, S. C., March 30.—The three Columbia companies of state troops have disbanded under the great pressure brought to bear on them rather than obey the governor's orders to go to Darlington. The excitement here in consequence of this action is at a fever heat.

FLORENCE, S. C., March 31, 2 a. m.—The citizens are now gathering, and an attempt will be made to blow up the dispensaries with dynamite.

disparaging and is now engaged in destroying the liquors. The greatest excitement prevails.

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An Attack on the Sugar Trust.
A statement on sugar tariffs and the sugar trust, prepared by Representative John De Witt Warner, of New York, has been presented to that committee. It is an analysis of the cost of the refining in this country and Europe, bounties paid by different countries, export bounties, equivalent duties on raw and refined sugar, and the effect of the sugar trust, with an exhibit of some of its methods under such heads as "Profits and Greed," "Pacific Coast Extortions," "Choiera Exploit-

Gold Find in Colorado.
LA VETA, Colo., March 30.—Succets of pure gold were washed out of sand dug out of a well, and the discovery has created great excitement. A large part of the town has been staked out in claims by those who believe it is choice placer ground.

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Adjudication of Heirship.
The Commissioners' recent, adverse action upon H. R. bill 6198, "to provide for the ascertainment and adjudication of heirship in the District of Columbia."

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